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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I selected TracFone Prepaid Wireless specifically because of my involuntary reduced-income status. I am one of the millions of Americans who involuntarily lost employment based on budget cuts. I am well-educated, with over 30 years of employment in the education and human services fields. It is very difficult for me, in middle-age, to live on the reduced income from a part-time college adjunct faculty position. This is the only employment I have been able to find since losing my full-time job, although my diligent search for full-time employment continues.

I have the cell phone for peace of mind and for safety, should I need to call for assistance in any circumstance when a "regular" phone is unavailable. As a disabled Diabetic, this is very important to me. Please do not exacerbate a difficult situation by increasing fees.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members